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OF HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS SERPUKHOV USSR

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1. IN NOV 1974 UK EMBASSY PROPOSED TO US THAT TAPE MONITORING AND CORE DUMP ANALYSIS OF ICL COMPUTERS AT SERPUKHOV BE TERMINATED DEC 31, 1974, ONE YEAR AHEAD OF AGREED DATE. ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WAS FOR THREE YEARS AND JAN 1, 1973 WAS DATE ON WHICH FULL SYSTEM WAS DEEMED TO BE OPERATIONAL.

2. EMBASSY CITED FOLLOWING ARGUMENTS: (A) NO EVIDENCE OF MISUSE, (B) SERPUKHOV INSTALLATION NO LONGER AS POWERFUL IN RELATION TO COMMUNIST-BUILT MACHINES; (C) COMPUTERS ARE FULLY EMPLOYED IN SCIENTIFIC WORK FOR WHICH INTENDED; (D) CURRENT MONITORING COSTS ARE 60,000 POUNDS ANNUALLY. EMBASSY SAID ICL ENGINEERS WOULD REMAIN ON SITE.

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3. WE ADVISED EMBASSY IN LATE DECEMBER 1974 THAT US REPLY WOULD BE DELAYED PENDING RESOLUTION OF POLICY ISSUES CONCERNING LARGE US COMPUTER SYSTEMS (KAMA AND AEROFLOT). THESE US CASES HAVE NOW BEEN SENT TO COCOM AND WE ARE IN POSITION TO DEAL WITH UK PROPOSAL.

4. WE HAVE GIVEN UK EMBASSY A DRAFT REVISED SAFEGUARD AGREEMENT FOR SERPUKHOV WITH SUGGESTION IT BE DISCUSSED BY US AND UK EXPERTS THIS MONTH IN MARGIN OF COCOM LIST REVIEW. PROPOSED REVISION IS SIMILAR TO SAFEGUARDS IMPOSED ON KAMA AND AEROFLOT, I.E. RESIDENCY FOR THREE YEARS, FOLLOWED BY MONTHLY VISITATION AND SUBSTITUTION OF MONTHLY REPORTS ON COMPUTER TIME UTILIZATION FOR TAPE MONITORING.

5. WHILE US PROPOSAL IS LIBERAL IN TERMS OF SERPUKHOV INSTALLATION, IT WOULD GIVE RELIEF FROM TAPE MONITORING FOR ONLY EIGHT MONTHS AND OBLIGE ICL TO CONTINUE MONTHLY VISITATIONS FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD. PRESENT AGREEMENT CARRIES NO SUCH OBLIGATION WHEN THREE-YEAR MONITORING PERIOD EXPIRES.

6. FOR OECD: SUGGEST US DEL PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH EXPERTS. ORIGINAL SERPUKHOV AGREEMENT AND US PROPOSED REVISION BEING POUCHED. KISSINGER

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